(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan are increasing their man-power in their armed forces and also spending more; if so, what are the deatils thereof; and

(c) what percentage of their national incomes the military expenses of India, China and Pakistan Constitute?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Some reductions in manpower strength have been reported in respect of the Armed Forces of the USSR and China. The USSR has announced planned reduction in its defence expenditure. Some increase in defence expenditure has been reported by the Chinese Government. There has been a steady increase of manpower and expenditure in the Pakistan Armed Forces.

India's defence expenditure as a percentage of national income is one of the lowest amongst the neighbouring countries. Owing to differing parctices of computation and reporting of official statistics, it is difficult to have precise and fully comparable statistics relating to actual defence expenditure as a percentage of respective national incomes.

Irregularities in purchase of orthopaedics equipment in NDMC Hospital

1694. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of alleged irregularities in purchase of Orthopaedics Equipment worth lacs of rupees in NDMC Hospital is under investigation by the Central Vigilance Commission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in addition to the present Medical Superintendent of NDMC Hospital, conduct of some senior officers of NDMC who were indirectly involved with this purchase, is also under investigation by the CVC;

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the enquiry and the reasons for inordinate delay;

(d) whether it is also a fact that inspite of proven corruption charges in a case pertaining o family Planning Operations in NDMC, under investigation by the CVC, the MS has not been shifted from the present post and instead has been given one year's extension of Deputation, in addition to his already completed three years in NDMC; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). NDMC after investigation of the complaint have sent a detailed report about purchase of Orthopaedics equipment to CVC on 8th July 1988. The CVC has further sought certain clarifications on the issue. NDMC has informed that they will be sending this information to CVC shortly.

(d) and (e) The matter pertaining to Family Planning Operations in NDMC was investigated by NDMCs Vigilance Department. Subsequently the case was forwarded by NDMC to CVC and since then it has been under consideration of CVC and NDMC. On completion of three years, the term of Medical Superintendent, Moti Bagh Hospital, was extended, on request from NDMC, by one year.

Post of Gynaecologist and chest physician lying vacant in NDMC Hospital

1695. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the duly sanctioned post of Gynaecologist and Chest Physician were lying vacant in NDMC Hospital since 1985-86;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the post of Orthopaedics Surgeon was also revived/created during this period;

(c) whether the post of Medical Superintendent in NDMC Hospital is earmarked for an Orthopaedics Surgeon;

(d) if not, what were the reasons for NDMC for specifically requesting the Cen-